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Secretary-General's bulletin

Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

The Secretary-General, pursuant to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/5, entitled "Organization of the Secretariat of the United Nations", and for the purpose of establishing the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa,[1] promulgates the following:

Section 1
General provision

The present bulletin shall apply in conjunction with Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/5, entitled "Organization of the Secretariat of the United Nations", as amended by ST/SGB/2002/11.

Section 2
Functions

2.1 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa:

(a) Supports the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in their deliberations on Africa;

(b) Coordinates and guides the preparation of Africa-related reports and inputs, in particular support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) by the United Nations system and the international community, including the private sector and civil society;

(c) Coordinates the interdepartmental task force on African affairs, to ensure a coherent and integrated approach for United Nations support for Africa, including following up on the implementation of all global summit and conference outcomes related to Africa;

(d) Initiates reports on critical issues affecting Africa, and in particular on the interrelated issues of peace and development;

[1] The mandate of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa derives from General Assembly resolutions 57/7 of 4 November 2002 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002. Until the end of 2003, the Office shall rely on the existing administrative arrangements in the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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(e) Coordinates global advocacy in support of NEPAD;

(f) Acts as the focal point for NEPAD within the United Nations Secretariat at Headquarters.

2.2 The Special Adviser shall also undertake special assignments related to Africa at the discretion of the Secretary-General.

Section 3
Special Adviser on Africa

The Special Adviser shall be accountable to the Secretary-General.

Section 4
Relations with the other entities of the United Nations system

4.1 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa shall collaborate closely with the departments and offices in the Secretariat, with the regional commissions, especially with the Economic Commission for Africa, and with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in support of Africa's development.

4.2 To facilitate its cooperation with other entities in the Secretariat, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa shall be a member and participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security, the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Development Group and the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs. The Office shall also participate in regional consultation meetings.

4.3 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa shall provide backstopping to the Secretary-General in promoting a coordinated, system-wide response in support of Africa's development, particularly the implementation of NEPAD, through the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Section 5
Final provision

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 1 May 2003.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**
Secretary-General